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SUBJECT: INDIAN DELEGATIONS "CANCEL" TRIPS TO SAIGON

REF: NEW DELHI 366

1. WE WERE TOLD BY THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE CONSULATE THAT TWO INDIAN DELEGATIONS--A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GROUP AND AN EIGHT MEMBER PARLIAMENTARY GROUP HEADED BY DEPUTY CONGRESS PARTH LEADER A.P. SHARMA (REFTEL) -- HAD CALLED OFF VISITS TO SAIGON. BOTH GROUPS WERE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE ABOUT JANUARY 9. THE PARLIAMENTARIANS (ALL CONGEESS PARTY MEMBERS) AND EXPLAINED THEY COULD NOT MAKE THE TRIP AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF THE DEMANDS OF THE FORTHCOMING UTTAR PRADESH ELECTIONS.

2. A.P. SHARMA SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SURENDRA PAL SINGH SUGGESTED AT THE VERY LAST MINUTE THAT THE MPS NOT GO BECAUSE THEIR TRIP MIGHT BE "MIS-INTERPRETED" SINCE THERE HAD BEEN AN ESCALATION OF FIGHTING IN SOUTH VIETNAM. CONGRESS PARTY PRESIDENT S.D. SHARMA ALSO ADVISED THE MPS THAT MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WOULD BE NEEDED AT THIS TIME FOR THE UTTAR PRADESH ELECTION EFFORT.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DESK OFFICER FOR VIETNAM TOLD US THE
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GOI WAS ABASHED THAT THE CHAMBER OF CONGRESS GROUP HAD PUT

OFF THEIR TRIP BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS IN THEIR ORGANIZATION. THE GOI HAD ENCOURAGED IT AND HOPED TO MOVE AHEAD IN COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE GVN. HE CITED THE UP ELECTIONS AS THE REASON FOR THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE PARLIAMENTARIANS' VISIT, SAID THERE WAS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO "CANCELLATIONS", AND MAINTAINED THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT SHOULD NOT BE READ AS INDICATING A CHANGE IN THE GOI'S ATTITUDE TOWARD SOUTH VIETNAM. THE GOI HAD NO INDICATIONS, ASIDE FROM PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND PRESS REPORTS, OF ANY NEW HOSTILITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN CALLING OFF OF THE TWO VISITS. AS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARIANS, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE MIGHT CONCEIVABLY HAVE GOTTEN WIND OF THEIR PLANS AND PUT PRESSURE ON THE GOI DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THEIR SUPPORTERS HERE. PRESSURE MIGHT ALSO HAVE COME FROM S.D. SHARMA AND LEFT-WING CONGRESSMEN WHO MAY HAVE BEEN DISPLEASED TO SEE A.P. SHARMA AND HIS COLLEAGUES (ALL STRONGLY ANTI-COMMUNIST) VISITING SAIGON. MOYNIHAN

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